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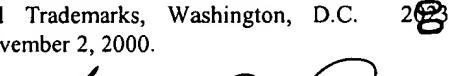
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For: Modular Backup and Retrieval
System Used in Conjunction
With a Storage Area Network

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This is a preliminary amendment for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/610,738, filed July 6, 2000. Please enter the following amendments:

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On page 2, after the section entitled “SPECIFICATION,” please replace the two subsections entitled, respectively “Cross-References To Related Applications” and “Incorporation By Reference” with the following single section: